(b) if so, whether Government are considering to build more platforms there, to accommodate more passengers and to avoid congestion during arrival and departure of trains?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Two additional platforms at Patna will be constructed. The work of new passenger terminal at Rajendranagar is also in progress. This after completion would further reduce congestion at Patna due to origination/ termination of some of the trains from Rajendranagar.

Funds for conversion of Kolar-Chikkaballapur Rail Line

*370. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is releasing funds for conversion of metre gauge rail line from Kolar to Chikkaballapur into broad gauge, which has been pending for more than ten years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A survey for conversion of the narrow gauge rail line to broad gauge from Kolar to Chickkballapur has been recently completed. As per the survey report, the cost of conversion of 85 km long line has been assessed as Rs. 53.45 cr. with negative rate of return. Due to unremunerative nature of the line and constraint of resources, it has not been found feasible to consider the proposal for the present.

Grants to A.N.S.I.S.S.

*371. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, has reduced its grant to A.N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies (ANSISS) during the last few years; if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the grants provided to ANSISS during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have asked the State Government to submit any revival plan for the Institute; and